



direct from Bombay were detained. But my name and destination were taken down. The weather till now was rainy and cool.

Tuesday~ 9th August 1898

Reached Archonam [Arconam] at 4 a.m. and the Doctor having examined us went away locking the compartment I was in. I was therefore carried as far as Peratopur where I got down and returned by the next train. Left Archonam in the evening and changed to the fast mail at Chengalpet [Chingleput]. There were two European fellow passengers one of whom appeared to be an Italian. The heat was intense.

Wednesday~ 10th August 1898

We reached Trichinopoly [Tiruchirupalli] from where I was alone in my compartment. A military band was in attendance at the station and began to play as soon as the train steamed into the station, but in whose honour it was I could not make out. Tirnevelly [Tirunelvely] was reached at about 5. I was dissuaded from going to Trivandrum at night as Maravars¹⁰⁰ were on the prowl.

Thursda~ 11th August 1898~ 28

At 4 in the morning I left the place and arrived at [+++] near Valliyur for breakfast, which I took in a small temple on the bank of the tank. I arrived at Nagacoil and was the guest of Ms K.P. Shankara Menon, Judge. I left after supper but could not sleep owing to bugs in the [+++] transit carriage I was riding in.

Frida~ 12th August 1898~ 29

Early I reached Kulitharai and after breakfast I started for Trivandrum. The water in the river was very clear and I enjoyed my bath. Trivandrum was reached at about 6 in the evening and I was very glad to see my relations and friends again.

Memoranda from 1898

The plague having broken out in Bombay about the close of 189 [+++] and my brother Ravi Varma having been obliged to stay at home to perform the Diksha of our beloved uncle who died about the same time at the age of 81 mourned by the whole village of Kilimanur, we could not visit Bombay for two years. The supervision rested with Ms Govardhan Das Khatau but a disagreement having arisen between us I started for Bombay about the end of May. After a protracted discussion it was settled that we should pay him Rs 22,000 and take possession of the concern. There was some difficulty in finding the money but Doctor Balachandra Krishna kindly came to our help and advanced the money. Rao Bahadur Narain Das also gave us great help as he

